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Dear Sirs,:

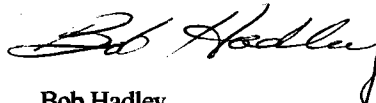
This letter is in reference to what we feel is a violation of specific water laws administered by the IDWR on a neighbors' property. Specifically, the old Storer property downstream from us here on Alder Creek, now presently owned by the Matea MaCray Partners.

We were informed that on Sunday night, May 23, our neighbors had a backhoe excavate a new ditch heading onto their property and were excessively withdrawing over and above their legal water amount from Alder Creek. On Monday, the 24th of May, we personally inspected the illegal heading and saw that this in fact was the case. We feel this is in violation of current water administration laws for two reasons:

1. There was no "call" made to the local watermaster for the withdrawal of water from Alder Creek.
2. The amount being withdrawn was 10 times greater than their current water right allows. (Water right No.s 34-00600 and 34-00606, which is limited to .52 cfs.)

We also acknowledge the fact that this action was taken during a time of excessive flow, yet the IDWR should realize that this form of water management with no regard to formal or informal co-operation with the local watermaster or water laws could set precedent through-out the surrounding area. What could be viewed as fair for one person to exercise at his or her own discretion, should therefore be allowed for us or anyone else to exercise. As we are sure you recognize, this could lead to a huge problem in water administration in the Big Lost River Area.

We appreciate your understanding of our position on this subject.



Bob Hadley
Manager, Alder Creek Ranch



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